

St. Thomas More Church

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Eucharistic Celebrations
 Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am
 Weekdays:
 Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am
 Saturday: 9:00 am
 Holyday Vigil: 7:30 pm
 Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
 Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm
 or any time by appointment

Reverend Phillip M. Johnson, Pastor
 Reverend Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
 Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
 Deacon John Harrington
 Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader
 Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy
 Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary
 Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees
 Gary Gadren 424-3212
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Bereavement Sheila Mohan 795-6137
 Hospital Visitors Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212
 Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217
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Rosary Ministry Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
 Small Christian Comm. Ann Marie/Bob Lento 424-4759
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 Spiritual Retreats John Galati 428-7073
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 Youth Ministry Stan Thompson 424-1120

Worship

Altar Servers Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
 Church Environment Ann Vigrass 428-7217
 Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
 Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
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 Lectors Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
 Ann Vigrass 428-7217
 Sacristans Dom Sacca 751-1367
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 Greta Tyrrell 309-1999
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Social Development

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
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 June Garafano 229-7461
 Bob Lento 344-7454
 Parish Festival Committee 424-3212
 Women's Club Eileen Withers 751-6838

Administration

House of Charity Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212
 Parish Finance Council Robert Crawford 424-3212
 Parish Pastoral Council Marie Enny 751-8893

PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission (*Purpose*)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

Vision (*Goals*)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Irene Rellosa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass
Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.
Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? This invitation is open to those who are **not baptized** as well as those who are **baptized in a Christian faith** and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation. The RCIA process would prepare you for these sacraments.

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104, or Deacon John, 424-3212 ext. - 103, to receive more information about the RCIA classes.

Attention MARKET DAY Customers

PICK UP DATE: Tuesday, July 17

TIME: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: St. Thomas More Room

THANK YOU to all who supported this Women's Club fundraiser. We made over \$250 towards the Communion clothes for the children of Holy Name Parish in Camden.

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator —428-4924

Ongoing Devotions... (In Chapel)

Novena of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Rosary

Tuesday mornings after the Novena

Wednesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Saturdays after 9 a.m. Mass

St. Thomas More Guided Meditation

Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon

THE KNIGHTS SAY THANKS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of our friends who supported us during our spring fundraiser on May 22 at Tutti Toscani. We had a marvelous turnout and the evening was a great success for us. We appreciate your time and support.

Vivat Jesus

Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

July 8, 2012

\$8,059.00

211 Envelopes

May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.

A Married Priest? – From Father Phillip Johnson

“I didn’t know a married man could be a priest? . . . Do you have children? . . . What do they think about your being a priest? . . . Will you and your wife live in the rectory? . . . What led you to leave the Lutheran ministry and become a Catholic? . . . Did your wife convert too? . . . Are your children now Catholics?” These are but a few of the questions I have been asked in my first few days as your new priest. The questions are natural and I welcome them, especially because they provide an opportunity to better understand the teaching of the Catholic Church about the sacrament of Holy Orders (ordination) and the nature of the priesthood. I begin here a brief series of articles to answer your questions and provide you with an introduction to your new priest.

Catholic Diversity . . .

First, let’s place the question in the wider context of the Church’s holy tradition of priestly celibacy – recalling a few facts about the long history of the Church and about the *diversity of the world-wide Catholic Church*.

Some will be surprised to learn that the Roman Catholic Church consists of *twenty-two* autonomous churches. By far, the largest of these is the *Latin Church*. Almost all Catholics in North and South America, Western Europe, and Africa are members of the Latin Church (sometimes called the *Latin Rite Church*). This is the Church you know and call simply “the Catholic Church”. But perhaps you have heard of the Ukrainian or Armenian Catholic Church, or about Maronite Catholics in Lebanon, Malankara Catholics in India, or Melkite Catholics in Syria and Egypt. These are but five of the other twenty-one Catholic Churches.

Altogether these twenty-one Churches are called the *Eastern Catholic Churches*, as distinct from the Western Catholic Church (the Latin Church). *They are all a part of the Roman Catholic Church*, because their bishops are in the apostolic succession, they have a full sacramental life and worship, and they are all in *full communion* with the bishop of Rome, the pope. However, these Eastern Catholics are governed by their own code of canon law, they have traditions that are distinct to their own heritages, and they worship according to rites (liturgies) other than the Roman or Latin rite. If you went into one of their churches on a Sunday to receive Holy Communion (which, as a Latin Rite Catholic, you are free to do), the liturgy would seem more like that of an Eastern Orthodox Church. But don’t confuse the *Eastern Catholic Churches* with the *Eastern Orthodox Churches*, who are not yet in *full* communion with the Catholic Church.

Now to the point at hand. Among these twenty-one Eastern Catholic Churches, all Bishops must be celibate, and, of course, their monks and consecrated religious men and women are vowed to celibacy. However, *it is common for a priest to be married as long as he is married before he is ordained*. An unmarried priest may not marry.

It is in the Western or Latin Church that the rule of celibacy for all priests developed (more on that development later). This diversity in the world-wide Catholic Church reminds us that celibacy is not a matter of the unalterable *Faith* of the Church. As Pope Paul VI stated, celibacy *"is not, of course, required by the nature of the priesthood itself. This is clear from the practice of the early church and the traditions of the Eastern rite churches."* It is however, a very ancient and holy tradition that belongs to the heritage and piety of Western Catholicism.

Exception to the Rule . . .

In the Roman Catholic Church of the West (Latin Church), the pope can grant an exception to the rule of priestly celibacy (a) *for the sake of pastoral need* (b) *in cases in which a married ordained Protestant minister enters the Catholic Church*. When was this exception first granted? In 1943, at the appeal of some German bishops, Pope Pius XII granted special permission for some married Lutheran clergy to be ordained to the Catholic priesthood. In 1967, Pope Paul VI called for a study of the circumstances in which such exceptions might serve the Church. It was in 1980 that Pope John Paul II allowed a special exception for Episcopal (Anglican) priests who entered the Catholic Church. Since then, the Vatican has considered exceptions, on a case by case basis, for clergy from other denominations. This is now a matter of Canon Law. The rule stands; in certain cases, at the discretion of the Holy Father, an exception can be granted.

On October 30, 2009, the holy father signed the “rescript” allowing that exception in my case. I am deeply grateful to the holy father for this blessing, grateful also to Bishop Galante for sponsoring the petition that I be ordained. I pray my priesthood will bear fruit in the Church of God. At the same time, I would be sad if my case were to cause confusion about the Church’s teaching or provide an occasion for the slightest disrespect for the self-offering of so many celibate priests.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for July 21, and 22, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	J Mitchell R/C Pisanl	J/L Duffy I Rellosa, G Tyrrell	D Mayfield	M Dautle R Seminara
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kaplschke R Pisanl	P/N Kirincic D/ML Thomas	P Lachnicht	M/N Brown
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal R Pisanl	J Andraka, G Gadren K Glover, J Kenney	T Andraka	J/P/S Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	B Casey, M Kramer R Pisanl	B/AM Lento D/C Spence	K McFadden	C/J McFadden

ATTENTION Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Altar Servers

The Ministry Schedule can be found on the St. Thomas More Web site:
<http://stthomasmorenj.org/> - click on Liturgy Ministry Schedule.

My sincerest **THANKS** for all the gifts and good wishes I've received from the parishioners here at St. Thomas More. I will greatly miss you all, especially the camaraderie and friendliness that we've shared.

May God bless you,
Father George Donkor Tang

Presentation of the Gifts - At each Sabbath Mass the gifts, Bread and Wine and the Sunday offerings, are presented at Offertory Time. This is not reserved to any particular few. We encourage parishioners to volunteer. This is especially appropriate when a family is attending a Mass offered for a loved one, or when celebrating a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to do this, simply speak to one of the ushers before Mass begins.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Serve with Love

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (Mark 6:8)

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to live *Stewardship* by serving God with love and joy.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for our 2012-2013 Religious Education Program concluded on May 31. Reminder letters and registration forms have been mailed to the homes of those students who have not re-registered to date. Registration of first grade students, as well as students who are new to our parish, will continue throughout the summer. If your child has not been registered, please do so immediately. Registration forms are available in the gathering space.

Pat Maggart, PCL, 424-3212 - ext. 106

FREE Ministry to Traveling Catholics
Going on vacation? Need to find a church?

For nationwide Mass times and locations:

Go to: www.masstimes.org

Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications

Sexual abuse is a grave wrong that can never be tolerated. It is also a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry.

A special toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the NJ Division of Youth & Family Services and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling & support services, call 1-800-964-6588.



SATURDAY - JULY 14

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Ruth M. DeFant r/b Kathryn Eclar

SUNDAY - JULY 15

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am George Erickson r/b Family
Lucille Marrone r/b Bob & Barbara Bachman
Joseph Scharff r/b Mark Schneider
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - JULY 16

6:45 am Sr. Peter Marie r/b Florianna Gilden
9:00 am Frances Pisera r/b Gould Family

TUESDAY - JULY 17

6:45 am Sam Zaolino r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

WEDNESDAY - JULY 18

6:45 am Sam Zaolino r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Edward & Margaret Boyle r/b the Kramer Family

THURSDAY - JULY 19

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Florianna Gilden
9:00 am Ann Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Frances Radula r/b Joan Radula

FRIDAY - JULY 20

6:45 am Sam Zaolino r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Special Intention of Donna Carol Kapischke r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY - JULY 21

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Phyllis Fulton r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic

SUNDAY - JULY 22

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi
10:00 am Deacon Henry R. Seppanen r/b Deacon George & Mary Lytle
Joseph Scharff r/b Paul & Lisa Schneider
Fortunata Romeo r/b the Daly Family
11:30 am Nellie Graham r/b Sheila Moore

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... parishioner JoAnn Gadren.
THE SICK...**

Don Kreal
Maria Storms
Owen Smith
Mary Flacco
Ron Massey
Olga Mignone
Frank Colbert
Mary Cowan
Yolanda Burke
Jean Colbert
Dorothy Brink
Pat Barton
Leila Lore
Chase Lupica
Pat Beaney
YunYun Shen
Virginia Foley
Fran Swider
Rose Hession
Shirley Birch
Earl Cargen
Helen Copperthwaite
Bob & Claire Boylan
Andrea Buonincontro
Naomi Willingmyre
George Sweeten
Frank Cappetta
Michael Kapischke
Betty O'Donnell
Marie Mazzagatti
Stanley Kochanek
Pauline Rosberg
Joseph Console
Geraldyn Coticone
Jerry McMenamin
Chuck Kapischke
Pasquale DiFronzo
Dorothy Wolenter
Al MacElrath
Teddy Shaffer
Virginia Gormley
Angelo DiGiacomo



Leona Novak
Danny Perla
Joanne James
Alfred DiFrank
Gloria Daniels
Denise Daniels
Chris Kolodzey
Marie DiFrank
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Betty Brennan
Sharon Bushelli
Sally Callaghan
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Mary Branciforte

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, Sr. Airman John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSGT Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, to retain, add or remove a person's name from the lists above. Thank you.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Do you have any changes (address, phone #, e-mail address, married, new baby, etc.) for our Parish Data Base? If so, please write it in on the line below and drop it in the collection basket or call the parish office at 424-3212. Thank you.

Name: _____

Change(s): _____

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 22, 2012 - Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Commentary:

Jesus looks at the crowd with great feeling. They have no one to feed them with the teaching that will give them life or with the physical food to stay alive. Jesus appreciates how vulnerable people are and how fragile their lives are. Like sheep, they will die without a shepherd to keep them together, show them the way and feed them. Seeing their need, Jesus himself begins to teach. He becomes shepherd to the leaderless flock. Jesus calls his disciples to be the kind of shepherd he is. The disciples, of course, will not understand this kind of leadership until after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Reflection resonates with me?

St. Thomas More Prayer Chain:



Do you have a special intention for which you are praying? Have others share your need by calling the Prayer Line. All requests are kept confidential. Contact the parish office, 424-3212.



"Human life is a relationship. It is only in a relationship, and not closed in on ourselves, that we can have life. And the fundamental relationship is the relationship with the Creator, or else other relations are

fragile. Hence, it is essential to choose God. A world empty of God, a world that has forgotten God, loses life and relapses into a culture of death. Choosing life, taking the option for life, therefore, means first and foremost choosing the option of a relationship with God."

- Pope Benedict XVI

The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary statue have been placed there, this weekend, in loving memory of Fran Boesch, requested by her husband, Jack.



Thank you!

With hearts full of gratitude and appreciation, we would like to thank each of you for supporting us through your prayers and participation in our car raffle. With your support, we sold 548 tickets which was very close to our goal! We are happy to announce the winner of the 2012 Lexus was Mr. John Morris, a parishioner of the Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, Woodstown, NJ. We ask our Lord to grant him safety in his new vehicle! Thank you, again, to everyone! May God bless you and grant you a safe summer!

Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus

Even Caregivers need a Vacation

Taking care of an older loved one is a tremendous responsibility. What happens when you need to travel or take a vacation? RESPITE CARE is designed to do just that — provide relief for seniors whose caregivers are temporarily unavailable.

For more information on Holiday for Seniors, or to schedule a personal tour and complimentary lunch, call Denise at (856) 874-5341.